

LETTERS NO. KAN-SEN-HATSU 163

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TO : FURUSO, Mikio, Vice Army Minister, 25 October 1935

SUBJECT: Concerning Plans for Controlling Organs Directing Public Opinion in Manchuria.

I herewith send the enclosed record of resolutions of the KOHO Committee which we had reported in the telegram No. kan-son-den 220.

PLAN FOR THE CONTROLLING ORGANS DIRECTING PUBLIC OPINION IN MANCHURIA

Object

This plan aims at the unification of press and news agencies under the Japanese Government, the Manchukuo Government and the Manchurian Railway Co. Ltd. as well as the rationalization of the management, in order to secure the independence of public opinion in Manchuria and to facilitate and ascertain the unitary control and execution of propaganda by which is necessary to accomplish the national policies.

Outline

1. The following press and news agencies under the guidance of the Japanese Government, the Manchukuo Government and the Manchurian Railway Co. Ltd. shall be unified and consolidated into one, "The Manchuria Koho Association."

- The Manchukuo News Agency
- The Manchuria Daily News
- The Mukden Daily News
- The Great Hsinking Daily News
- The Harbin Daily News
- The Seikyo Times
- The Daido-Ho
- The Manchu-Mongolia Daily News
- The English Manchurian Newspaper
- The Russian Harbin Times
- The Shimin
- The Manchurian State of Affairs Information Bureau

2. This association shall be a foundation. Among the above mentioned press and news agencies, the companies which are not foundations shall be immediately included in this association and the companies which are juridical persons shall be included after legal procedures. Some companies included into this association may be combined with others or abolished.

3. All the companies in this association shall be united into the following three organs, namely The Manchukuo News Agency, the Manchurian Daily News (in Japanese, English and Russian) and the Kotoku-Ho (Seikyo

Times and Daido-Ho shall be combined and the Manchu-Mongolia Daily News in Korean shall be issued). The management will be conducted as follows:

The Manchurian State of Affairs Information Bureau shall be attached to the headquarters.

1. The Manchurian News Agency.

This agency shall publish various news with its head office in Hsinking and branches in Dairen and in the seats of provincial governments.

It shall newly begin the broadcasting of wireless news to foreign countries and contract with foreign news agencies, and especially, enter into a sisterly relation with the agencies in Japan as soon as the agencies there are unified into one body. More importance shall be attached to the branches in Tokyo, Osaka, Tientsin and Shanghai.

2. Presses

- a. The Manchuria Daily News  
 The central edition - Dairen  
 The Kwantung edition - Dairen  
 The English edition (the present Manchurian Daily News) - Dairen  
 The Mukden edition (the present Mukden Daily News) - Mukden  
 The Hsinking edition (the present Great Hsinking Daily News)  
 (The central edition shall also be published in Hsinking until the removal of the head office there.) - Hsinking  
 The Harbin edition (the present Harbin Daily News) - Harbin  
 The Russian edition (the present Harbinsconi Volomiya /T.N. transliteration/ - Harbin  
 The Mukden edition and the Harbin edition may not be published for some time, but in that case, the South Manchuria edition and the North Manchuria edition will be issued in Hsinking.  
 The head office shall be placed, for the time being, in Dairen but shall be moved to Hsinking on an early occasion.
- b. The Kotoku-Ho  
 The central edition (the present Daido-Ho /united/ with the Seikyo Times/)  
 The Korean edition (the present Manchu-Mongolia Daily News)  
 The Kotoku-Ho tri-monthly edition (the present Shimin)

Hsinking

4. This association shall have its headquarters in Hsinking to supervise and direct the business of the companies which belong to this organization and it shall be conducted by the following personnels:

- The managing director (honorary office allowance shall be given) - 1 person  
The vice managing director (salaried office) - 1 person  
The directors (honorary office allowance shall be given - 3 persons; salaried office) - 1 person  
The supervisors (honorary office allowance shall be given) - 3 persons  
The councillors (honorary office allowance shall be given) - This office shall be held by the Hsinking representatives of the concerned companies and corresponding persons of companies which have their head offices in Hsinking.  
The clerks (the salaried office) - 3 persons  
The general and miscellaneous office work (the salaried office) - 3 persons  
Advisers may be appointed when required.

5. Propaganda in Manchukuo conducted by this association shall be carried out chiefly by the press offices and propaganda to foreign countries shall be carried out by the news agencies with the help of the press. For the above mentioned object, this association shall decide upon the policy and means for propaganda and convey them to the companies and control their propaganda operations.

6. The expenses required by the association shall be managed according to the following stipulations:

1. After the formation of the association, it shall be managed by the expenses of the companies that belong to it.

2. The subsidies being given to the companies at present by concerned bodies shall be continued. In future above mentioned subsidies shall be given to the Association by the Koho Committee.

3. The expenses required in forming the association shall be paid by the Kwantung Army, the Manchukuo Government and by the Manchurian Railway Co. Ltd., though it is a matter to be decided upon at each occasion.

7. Organs in Japan and Manchuria connected with this association shall control and direct this association by the following means in order to have the movements of this association in full cooperation towards the accomplishment of our national policies.

1. This association shall be given necessary directions by the Koho Committee concerning the authority of guiding public opinion.

2. The personnel administration of the managing staff of this association and the news agencies belonging to this association shall be decided upon with the consent of the Koho Committee.

8. The following policies shall be adopted to help the development of this association:



1. The establishment of a new press shall not be permitted, but new local editions may be published if necessary. The buying up of the remaining existing newspapers by others shall be avoided and they shall be left to take their own course.

2. The printing of Manchurian editions of home papers in Manchukuo shall be prohibited and efforts shall be made to check their illegal debauchment.